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WASHINGTON, November 20, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 15 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 813 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 15 totaled 445,683 cars, 4.1 percent below 1979, and 2.6 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.0 percent in the East, 1.9 percent in the South, and 6.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, coal loadings were up 4,385 cars, or 4.1 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

### Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 8 totaled 33,206 cars, down 9.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,075 trailers and/or containers, 6.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 1,448,835 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,631,694 trailers and/or containers, down 8.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/15/80:

|                                               | Loadings in<br>Week ended<br>November 15, 1980 |   | Change from<br>Corresponding<br>Week 1979 |         |          | Change from<br>Preceding<br>Week |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------------------|---------|
|                                               | Cars                                           |   | Cars                                      | Percent |          | Cars                             | Percent |
| Grain                                         | 32,591                                         | I | 499                                       | 1.6     | D        | 4,385                            | 11.9    |
| Other farm products                           | 5,561                                          | D | 884                                       | 13.7    | I        | 88                               | 1.6     |
| Metallic ores                                 | 25,705                                         | D | 4,973                                     | 16.2    | D        | 1,372                            | 5.1     |
| Coal                                          | 112,214                                        | I | 4,385                                     | 4.1     | D        | 7,220                            | 6.0     |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand                | 14,685                                         | D | 2,039                                     | 12.2    | D        | 201                              | 1.4     |
| Nonmetallic minerals                          | 14,282                                         | D | 534                                       | 3.6     | D        | 1,280                            | 8.2     |
| Grain mill products                           | 16,992                                         | D | 1,702                                     | 9.1     | I        | 64                               | 0.4     |
| Food and kindred products                     | 17,484                                         | D | 1,180                                     | 6.3     | D        | 461                              | 2.6     |
| Primary forest products                       | 20,127                                         | D | 886                                       | 4.2     | D        | 131                              | 0.6     |
| Lumber and wood products<br>except furniture  | 8,942                                          | D | 1,576                                     | 15.0    | D        | 150                              | 1.6     |
| Pulp, paper and allied products               | 19,290                                         | D | 2,188                                     | 10.2    | D        | 84                               | 0.4     |
| Chemicals and allied products                 | 28,884                                         | I | 1,122                                     | 4.0     | I        | 1,546                            | 5.7     |
| Petroleum products                            | 5,386                                          | D | 320                                       | 5.6     | I        | 58                               | 1.1     |
| Stone, clay and glass products                | 16,184                                         | D | 1,372                                     | 7.8     | I        | 274                              | 1.7     |
| Coke                                          | 5,696                                          | D | 281                                       | 4.7     | I        | 211                              | 3.8     |
| Metals and products                           | 15,445                                         | D | 1,735                                     | 10.1    | I        | 615                              | 4.1     |
| Motor vehicles and equipment                  | 20,333                                         | I | 365                                       | 1.8     | I        | 620                              | 3.1     |
| Waste and scrap materials                     | 13,713                                         | D | 201                                       | 1.4     | I        | 796                              | 6.2     |
| Forwarder and shipper<br>association traffic  | 10,581                                         | D | 1,923                                     | 15.4    | D        | 649                              | 5.8     |
| All other carloads                            | 41,361                                         | D | 3,411                                     | 7.6     | D        | 230                              | 0.6     |
| LCL traffic                                   | 227                                            | D | 156                                       | 40.7    | D        | 22                               | 8.8     |
| Total Cars Loaded                             | 445,683                                        | D | 18,990                                    | 4.1     | D        | 11,913                           | 2.6     |
| Corresponding week of 1979                    | 464,673                                        |   |                                           |         |          |                                  |         |
|                                               | <u>1980</u>                                    |   | <u>1979</u>                               |         | <u>%</u> | <u>Change</u>                    |         |
| Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)                  | 20,121,960                                     |   | 21,297,599                                |         | D        | 5.5                              |         |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles<br>(in billions): |                                                |   |                                           |         |          |                                  |         |
| 45 weeks cumulative                           | 794.8                                          |   | 792.2                                     |         | I        | 0.3                              |         |
| Week ended November 15                        | <u>18.1</u>                                    |   | <u>18.4</u>                               |         | <u>D</u> | <u>1.5</u>                       |         |
| 46 weeks cumulative                           | 812.9                                          |   | 810.6                                     |         | I        | 0.3                              |         |